

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**February 7, 2011 – 3:00 PM**

**J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM**

**J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROWAN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
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Present: Chad Mitchell, Chairman  
Carl Ford, Vice-Chairman  
Jon Barber, Member  
Raymond Coltrain, Member  
Jim Sides, Member

County Manager Gary Page, Clerk to the Board Carolyn Athey, County Attorney Jay Dees and Finance Director Leslie Heidrick were present.

Chairman Mitchell convened the meeting at 3:00 pm.

Commissioner Barber provided the Invocation and also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Commissioner Barber moved, Commissioner Coltrain seconded and the vote to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2011 Commission Meeting passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**CONSIDER DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Sides made a motion to remove agenda item #9 (Closed Session) from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ford.

Commissioner Coltrain felt the personnel matter needed to be discussed in order to resolve the issue and that his preference was to leave the topic on the agenda.

Upon being put to a vote, the motion on the floor passed 3-2 with Commissioners Barber and Coltrain dissenting.

## **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Barber moved, Commissioner Ford seconded and the vote to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

### **1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Sides referred to item F on the Consent Agenda and said he initially had concerns regarding the trade-in allowance given for the two (2) old ambulances. Commissioner Sides said he had met earlier in the day with the Emergency Services Director and his concerns were now alleviated.

Commissioner Sides expressed hope that with future ambulance purchases, the patient compartment boxes could be remounted on the new ambulances in order to incur greater savings.

Commissioner Sides moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Set Public Hearing for February 21, 2011 for FY 2012 Community Transportation Grant
- B. Award Service Sidearm to Retiring Master Deputy Rick Walters
- C. Set Public Hearing for February 21, 2011 for FY 2011-12 HOME Action Plan
- D. Set Quasi-Judicial Hearing for February 21, 2011 for SUP 01-11
- E. Set Public Hearing for February 21, 2011 for FPO-01-10
- F. Purchase Two (2) Ambulances for the Emergency Services Department

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chairman Mitchell opened the Public Comment Period to entertain comments from any citizens wishing to address the Board. With no one wishing to address the Board, Chairman Mitchell closed the Public Comment Period.

### **3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FINAL OFFER FOR PURCHASE OF FORMER POST OFFICE BUILDING**

County Manager Gary Page said that during regular session on September 7, 2010, the Board of Commissioners voted to accept an offer in the amount of \$50,000 to begin the upset bid process for the Post Office Building located at 110 West Innes Street. The property is identified as Map 010-2 Parcel 473 and the total 2010 value is \$87,938 (land value of \$58,800 and building value of \$29,138).

The upset bid process has been ongoing since that time and on January 7, 2011 the final offer in the amount of \$84,806.11 was received.

Mr. Page recommended the Board consider accepting the final offer from Southern Preservation Company, LLC in the amount of \$84,806.11.

Commissioner Sides moved to accept the offer from Southern Preservation in the amount of \$84,806.11. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

**4. CONSIDER DECLARING SLOAN PARK HOUSE AS SURPLUS**

County Manager Gary Page reported that in January 2011, the County experienced a 250 gallon fuel oil spill at the county-owned home at Sloan Park. Mr. Page said the County had been in the process of cleaning up the site by disposing of contaminated soil and had also contracted with a third party consultant to perform ground water tests for contamination and a report to NCDENR.

Mr. Page said staff had determined the most cost effective option to resolving the situation was to sell the house through the upset bid process and then clean-up the entire site. Mr. Page said the action would net the County approximately \$15,000 for the house, avoid an asbestos abatement cost of \$4,000, and avoid a cost for removing contaminated soil from under the house (\$50,000). Mr. Page said the option would require the house to be moved off site.

Mr. Page recommended that the Board declare the property as surplus and begin the upset bid process to sell the house.

Commissioner Barber moved to declare the house as surplus. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sides and passed unanimously.

**5. DISCUSSION REGARDING DATE FOR 2011 COMMISSIONERS' ANNUAL PLANNING WORK SESSION**

Chairman Mitchell suggested that the Board reschedule its Planning Work Session for during the week of February 14, 2011.

Commissioner Barber asked the Board to consider allocating an afternoon for the Planning Work Session as opposed to an entire day.

Commissioner Coltrain moved to hold the Planning Work Session on February 16, 2011 beginning at 1:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

**6. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TAX ADMINISTRATOR JERRY ROWLAND**

Commissioner Barber discussed the revaluation and said Tax Administrator Jerry Rowland had indicated the revaluation would be the most unusual he had ever experienced. Commissioner Barber said Mr. Rowland's experience was needed to lead staff through the revaluation process and he felt Mr. Rowland's

appointment as Tax Administrator should be extended due to the anticipated number of appeals.

Commissioner Barber moved to extend the appointment of Tax Administrator Jerry Rowland for up to one (1) year, beginning July 1, 2011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sides.

After a brief discussion, the motion on the floor passed unanimously.

## **7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Finance Director Leslie Heidrick presented the following budget amendments for the Board's consideration:

- Health – New Federal H1N1 Preparedness Funds to support BioTerrorism Salary and Purchase a teletask system along with helping Emergency Management purchase a community notification system - \$80,000
- Senior Services – Budget increase in salaries/benefits for RTS Director and to match budget line items to RTS federal and state grants - \$3,397
- Social Services – Increase line items for Crisis Intervention Program assistance payments, both expenditures and revenues, based on new funding authorization received - \$142,090
- Social Services – Additional funds for LINKS/Independent Living for foster children aging out of the system - \$10,000
- Social Services – Budget funds authorized for foster care caseworker staff time for current fiscal year - \$ 10,800

Commissioner Sides moved approval of the budget amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coltrain and passed unanimously.

## **8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS** **ADULT CARE HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Sarah Stosen submitted an application for consideration. The term would be for one (1) year, beginning February 1, 2011, expiring on January 31, 2012.

Kate Petherick submitted an application for reappointment. In order for Ms. Petherick to be considered, the Commissioners would need to waive the term limits set forth in the Resolution adopted in September 2009. The term would be for three (3) years and would begin February 1, 2011 and expire January 31, 2014.

Commissioner Sides moved to extend the term limits for Kate Petherick. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coltrain and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sides nominated Sarah Stosen and Kate Petherick and the nominations passed unanimously.

### **AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD**

Craig Pierce submitted an application to serve as a member of the Business Community. If approved, Mr. Pierce would fill the remainder of Jim Sides' term, which will expire June 30, 2012.

Commissioner Barber nominated Craig Pierce and the nomination carried unanimously.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY BOARD**

According to North Carolina General Statute § 143B-273.10 the following people serve on the CJPP by virtue of their elected office.

The Board is asked to appoint the following:

- A judge of the superior court – Judge Anna Mills Wagoner
- A judge of the district court – Judge Charlie Brown
- District Attorney Brandy Cook
- Sheriff Kevin Auten

Commissioner Coltrain nominated Judge Anna Mills Wagoner, Judge Charlie Brown, District Attorney Brandy Cook and Sheriff Kevin Auten. The nomination passed unanimously.

### **ROWAN TRANSIT SYSTEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Kenneth Geathers, Jr. submitted an application for the Metropolitan Planning Organization position on the Rowan Transit Advisory Board. The term would be for three (3) years, beginning February 1, 2011 and expire June 30, 2014.

Commissioner Coltrain nominated Kenneth Geathers, Jr. and the nomination carried unanimously.

### **ROWAN-IREDELL VFD FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

There are two vacancies and the following applications have been received for consideration:

- Linda Watts
- Forrest Lloyd
- Ashley Webb
- Gail Sharpe

The terms would be for two (2) years beginning March 1, 2011, expiring on February 28, 2013.

Commissioner Barber nominated Linda Watts.

Commissioner Coltrain nominated Forrest Lloyd.

Both nominations carried unanimously.

## **SALISBURY-ROWAN HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL**

Three (3) applications have been received for three (3) positions on the Human Relations Council.

- John K. Mitchell is seeking reappointment. His term would begin March 1, 2011 and expire February 28, 2014.
- Deborah B. Scales and Monica J. Foster have submitted applications. One (1) of these applicants should be considered to fill the remainder of the unexpired term of Wilson Lopez, which will expire October 31, 2011.
- The remaining applicant would serve a three (3) year term, beginning March 1, 2011, expiring February 28, 2014.

Commissioner Sides nominated John K. Mitchell for reappointment and the nomination carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sides nominated Deborah Scales to fill the remainder of Wilson Lopez' term and the nomination carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sides nominated Monica Foster and the nomination passed unanimously.

### **9. CLOSED SESSION**

This agenda item was removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Barber moved to adjourn at 3:21 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sides and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Athey, CMC, NCCCC  
Clerk to the Board/Assistant to the County Manager